(*d*) whether it is the intention of Government that the Jail authorities should treat them specially badly such as giving them handcuffs, fetters, etc., or locking them up during day time?

A.—(*a*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) of question No. 245-A.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The orders issued by the Government related only to the enforcement of discipline in jails.

Political prisoners of the Ganjam district confined in the Bellary Jail.

* 246 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of political prisoners that are now in the Bellary Central Jail from the Ganjam district;

(*b*) the number of them that are given rice diet and those that are given mixed diet;

(*c*) whether there are a number of political prisoners who come from respectable families, a few of them being both respectable and income-tax assessees;

(*d*) the class in which each of these has been placed;

(*e*) whether any of those coming under clause (*c*) are also given mixed diet;

(*f*) whether most of those who are given mixed diet are convicted from the Ghumsur division of the Ganjam district;

(*g*) whether any previous or subsequent enquiry was made as to the food to which those prisoners were accustomed; and

(*h*) how many of these political prisoners have gone down in weight and what the reduction in weight in each case is?

A.—(*a*) Thirty-two.

(*b*) Eighteen are given rice diet, 13 mixed diet and 1 wheat diet.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) Thirty in 'C' class and two in 'B' class.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*c*).

(*f*) Eight of the prisoners who are given mixed diet belong to Ghumsur division.

(*g*) The hon. Member is referred to sub-rule 3 (i) and (iv) of rule 347-B on page 122 of the Madras Jail Manual. No prisoner placed on mixed diet has applied for a revision of the classification.

(*h*) Six have gone down in weight by 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 14 pounds, respectively.

Transfer of two women political prisoners from the Vellore Jail to the Madura Jail.

* 247 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether two women political prisoners were transferred from the Women's Jail in Vellore to the Madura Jail, and if so, when;

(*b*) whether they were made to live with the ordinary criminals in the Madura Jail, and if so, whether as a result thereof, one of the women political prisoners became a wreck in her body and mind; and

(*c*) whether the other woman political prisoner in the Madura Jail has been or will be transferred to the Women's Jail in Vellore ?

A.—(*a*) Five female convicts were transferred from the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, to the District Jail, Madura, on 26th January 1932, 3rd June 1932, 15th June 1932, 19th June 1932 and 24th August 1932, respectively.

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is that they were made to live with other female prisoners not convicted for offences connected with civil disobedience movement. The answer to the second part is in the negative.

(*c*) One of the five convicts was released on 18th June 1932. The other convicts will be re-transferred to the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, if and when accommodation becomes available in that jail.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" With regard to the prisoner discharged on the 18th June, are the Government sure that she fell ill after and not before she was discharged? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not aware."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether it is not possible for the Government to provide the necessary accommodation in the Vellore Jail itself by transferring other prisoners instead of waiting for some time till accommodation becomes available? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Vellore Jail which is intended for women is full. Therefore some of these prisoners have been transferred."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Are there no other prisons for women except the one at Vellore? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No other prison intended exclusively for women."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" On what basis do the Government say that the women political prisoner who is alleged to have become a wreck in her body and mind has not become so? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The allegation is made by my hon. Friend himself."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddi also has made herself responsible for the statement."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not know that."